

STATE ARMORY BOARD

January 21, 2021

The State Armory Board (SAB) convened at 12:47 P.M., Thursday, January 21, 2021, in the Adjutant General's Conference Room, located on the second floor of Building One, Indiana Joint Forces Headquarters at Stout Field, 2002 South Holt Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46241, in compliance with Center for Disease Control (CDC) meeting guidelines; pursuant to notices given to all concerned.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MG (Ret) R. Martin Umbarger—President
BG (Ret) Ronald W. Henry—Vice-President
BG R. Dales Lyles—the Adjutant General (TAG)—Secretary-Treasurer
COL (Ret) Marjorie K. Courtney—Member
MSG (Ret) Donivan J. Mahuron—Member
COL (Ret) Timothy R. Warrick—Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Scott R. Collins—Director, State Operations
COL (Ret) John Silva—Controller
Mrs. Stephanie Brossman—Field Auditor
Mrs. Mary Carrico—Director, State Purchasing and Contracting Office
Mrs. Cat Carroll—Deputy Director, State Purchasing and Contracting Office
Mr. James Mahern—Director, State Facilities Office
Mr. Steve Hines—Construction Facilities Management Officer
Ms. Bianca Kearby—Legislative Liaison
Mr. Jeremy LaFountain—Facilities Operations Supervisor
Mr. Jason Thompson—General Counsel, Adjutant General's Office
MAJ Alan Dunbar—Staff Judge Advocate's Office
1LT Jovanni Springer—Aide de Camp to the Adjutant General
Ms. Mary Barbee—Recorder

THOSE ABSENT:

BG Timothy Winslow—Director, Joint Staff
LTC Elizabeth Murphy—Staff Judge Advocate

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 12, 2020 Meeting was made by Sergeant Mahuron, seconded by Colonel Courtney, and carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Colonel Silva briefed the Board on their financial status of funds. As of January 1st, the balance of the State Armory Board checking account was \$2,338,806.02; Accounts Receivable since the November 12th meeting were \$38,770.06: giving the Board Current Assets of \$2,427,576.08

The Board's seven (7) Certificates of Deposit total \$900,000.00; with the First Merchant's Bank certificate having been rolled over for twelve (12) months with a 0.03 percent rate of return.

Current Liabilities for the State Armory Board total \$327,035.60 The Board's Long-Term Liabilities consisting of the Hoosier Youth Challenge Foundation, Knightstown Property, and the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center (MUTC) total \$114,282.27; giving the Board a Total Liability amount of \$441,317.87.

Colonel Silva then directed the Board's attention to the second Balance Sheet, indicating it was for the Special Programs Account, which is the account for the Cyber Academy, located at MUTC. The Balance of that account is \$93,075.81.

Motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Sergeant Mahuron, seconded by Colonel Courtney, and carried.

5. MRS. MARY CARRICO WILL PROVIDE A STATE PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING UPDATE.

Mrs. Carrico indicated there were no new contracts the Board needed to sign.

She provided the Board with a brief, stating the directorate has undertaken an electronic approach for all contracts and purchases, stating this would allow for better transparency and modernization for the agency.

6. MR. JASON THOMPSON WILL PRESENT A REQUEST FOR A LOAN FROM THE BOARD TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE IN SUPPORT OF THE INSTALLATION OF A NATURAL GAS LINE, BOILER REPAIRS, AND UPGRADES AT THE MUSCATATUCK URBAN TRAINING CENTER (MUTC). SUPPORTED BY INDIANA CODE (IC) 10-16-1-2.5; IC 10-16-3-5; and IC 10-16-3-10.

Mr. Thompson and General Lyles approached the Board with a request for \$230,000.00 to replace Boiler One at dual fuel conversion boiler.

General Lyles explained the need to upgrade the Muscatatuck Steam Plant from being coal-fired to natural gas. He emphasized the steam plant failed an inspection conducted by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), resulting in an eighteen thousand dollar (\$18,000) fine. General Lyles went on to say fines would continue to occur if the steam plant did not convert to natural gas. He indicated the federal government was planning to direct three million dollars (\$3,000,000) toward the construction of a natural gas pipeline stretching from North Vernon to MUTC; provided the State of Indiana commit to a \$230,000 share of funds by February 1, 2021.

Mr. Thompson presents the Board with two (2) Courses of Action (CoA) related to the Muscatatuck Steam Plant. Course One would involve acquiring a new boiler, converting Boiler One to a dual fuel set-up, and bringing in a natural gas line. This CoA should allow MUTC to become a 100% natural gas operation with 100% redundancy and end its reliance on coal as its fuel source.

Course Two would involve converting Boilers One and Three to a dual fuel set-up and bring in a natural gas line. This CoA would allow MUTC to become a 100% natural Gas operation with 50% redundancy and end its reliance on coal as its fuel source.

Colonel Courtney proposed a motion to use \$230,000 of State Armory Board Funds to follow CoA One to convert the MUTC Steam Plant to a 100% natural gas facility. Seconded by General Henry and carried.

7. MR. JAMES MAHERN WILL APPROACH THE BOARD WITH A REQUEST TO SUPPORT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S ARMORY BEAUTIFICATION/LANDSCAPING PROGRAM.

Mr. Mahern briefed the Board concerning the Adjutant General's Armory Beautification/Landscaping Program, stating the annual twenty-two-thousand-dollar (\$22,000.00) cost would be paid for through the Construction and

Facilities Management Office (CFMO) and the State Preventative Maintenance budgets.

He indicated interior and exterior appearances would be discussed with Building Service Workers (BSWs) at the annual BSW Conference, taking place during the week of January 25th through the 29th. He noted the Conference was being held via Microsoft Teams as well as by teleconference calls. Some of the BSWs have already requested supplies so that they can get started on window cleaning. Paint for armory 'touch-up' work is provided through Camp Atterbury. For the next Conference, tentatively scheduled in October, Mr. Mahern stressed in addition to the annual awards for employee longevity and regional "best armory" interior awards, an award for "TAGs Best Kept Armory Award—Exterior" would be award; like the interior award, the exterior award will be present by Indiana's region: Marion County, northwest, northeast, southwest, southeast, East Central, as well as West Central.

In outlining the program, Mr. Mahern indicated labor for the program would be provided by state maintenance and building services staff, as well as each armory's full time unit support staff. He mentioned the armories located in Connersville, Huntington, LaPorte, North Vernon, and Vincennes do not have a BSW, this will result in lawn services being provided for by near-by Physical Plant Directors. The managers of the Anderson, Angola, and Warsaw armories have expressed they do not wish to participate in the program if they are to offer financial assistance to any armory which does not have a sufficient balance within its Local Armory Board (LAB) Fund.

General Lyles stated he would speak to brigade commanders and express his desire for participation in this program to be implemented from each major command down to the individual unit level, emphasizing a fragmentary order (FRAGO) added to the current operation order (OPORD) would be an effective measure to ensure participation. He also indicated the balance of each LAB Fund would be made available to the major commands to assist them in the delegation of funds required to complete the program.

Sergeant Mahuron made a motion that General Lyles issue a FRAGO to each major command within the Indiana National Guard to ensure compliance with the Adjutant General's Armory Beautification/Landscaping Program. Seconded by Colonel Warrick and carried.

Mr. Mahern then addressed the Board concerning the status of parking lot repairs at several locations. He indicated he has been working with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to contribute to these projects, being hopeful in Fiscal Year 2021, INDOT will assist with the monies for sealant and new pads at the Columbus and North Vernon armories. He further indicated he is waiting for an evaluation of the condition of other locations; should the U.S. Army determine work is needed, Mr. Mahern will again, work

with INDOT to assist with the following locations: 38th Infantry Division, Anderson, Elwood, Muncie, and New Albany. He stressed work would also be needed at Stout Field, specifically Building Nine (9) for drainage and the north parking lot.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No visitors were present at the meeting; however, General Umbarger asked about the Ceremonial Unit's horses. General Lyles reported the soldiers are closer in proximity to the horses and have been walking and grooming the horses nearly every day since the move.

Colonel Warrick asked how much per acre is Invenergy willing to pay; Generals Henry and Lyles affirmed the going price was eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) per acre. Mr. Thompson stated he is recommending the Board be paid fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00); General Henry stated Invenergy has the acreage they were initially looking for and told him they are still interested in property near the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy/Knightstown property. General Lyles asked that Lieutenant Colonel Tscherne be present at the next State Armory Board meeting to brief the Board on what the Solutions Group has learned about this issue.

9. REMARKS FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

General Lyles provided a brief to the Board on the status of the Indiana National Guard. The Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy has been doing well under CoVid conditions—a new class of one hundred (100) cadets is scheduled to report on January 23, 2021. The Department of Defense (DOD) conducted an Inspector General (IG) inspection of the program and all is well. General Lyles informed the Board the Indiana Guard Reserve (IGR) has been placed under 81st Troop Command and receives their missions during Commander's Calls.

The National Guard continues to support requests from the Indiana Department of Corrections as well as long-term care facilities. General Lyles stated seven (7) to ten (10) days after residents of nursing homes receive their second dose of the CoVid-19 vaccination, Guardsmen will begin to leave the nursing facilities. Inasmuch as requirements with the Department of Corrections, General Lyles stated funds are currently a 75/25 split; however, the Biden Administration would like that program to become 100% federally funded, relieving the States' burden to provide funding.

Six hundred fifty (650) Indiana Guardsmen remain in the Washington, D.C., ensuring the inner circle perimeter of the U.S. Capitol remains secure.

General Lyles informed the Board three hundred (300) soldiers are on State Active Duty for civil disturbance assistance should it become necessary: two hundred (200) are at the Indiana Capitol Building in Indianapolis; fifty (50) are in Fort Wayne, and fifty (50) are in New Albany.

General Lyles asked for Lieutenant Colonel Tscherne from the Solutions Group and Mr. Jerry Hartley from the Environment Office be present at the next State Armory Board Meeting to provide updates on the Hamilton County property, and the Oak Tree at the Johnson County Armory, respectively.

There being no further business to conduct, motion was made by Colonel Courtney to adjourn the January 21st meeting of the State Armory Board. Motion was seconded by General Lyles and carried at 2:34 P.M.

The next state Armory Board Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 17th at 10 o'clock in the Adjutant General's Conference room at Joint Forces Headquarters in Indianapolis.

Meeting was rescheduled due to conflict; new meeting to take place on Wednesday, March 31st at 10 o'clock at JFHQ.

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MG (RET) R. MARTIN UMBARGER, PRESIDENT

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BG R. DALE LYLES, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
SECRETARY-TREASURER

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